



The Judge Advocate General

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Colonel (Promotable) Christopher T. Cline had multiple childhood homes in the southern United States and Europe as the son of a U.S. Air Force troop carrier pilot. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.A. in English Literature and received his J.D. from Capital Law School. In 1981 he received a direct commission in the Ohio National Guard where he served for the next 17 years. In 2001 COL Cline received a M.S.S. in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

COL(P) Cline's positions in the Ohio National Guard were Trial/Defense Counsel in the 73rd Infantry Brigade, Staff Judge Advocate for Command and Control Headquarters and Staff Judge Advocate for the 112th Medical Brigade. He is the author of Medical Operations and the Law of War, Military Review Magazine, April, 1991. COL(P) Cline transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve in 1998 and was first Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and then Staff Judge Advocate of Eighth U.S. Army (CONUS).

COL(P) Cline was selected to command the 9th Legal Support Organization in 2002. In January, 2003 his unit received mobilization orders under Operation Enduring Freedom and a 23 person detachment he headed was assigned to XVIII Airborne Corps at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. While at Ft. Bragg, his 9th JAG Detachment supported all aspects of mobilization legal support for National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve and active forces deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan from Ft. Bragg. In July of 2004 COL(P) Cline was assigned as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. In October of 2005 he was again called to active duty and assigned to the Department of Defense.

COL(P) Cline's position at the Department of Defense was Associate Deputy General Counsel and he was further detailed to the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy. His work involved negotiation and drafting of international agreements for the Department of Defense and coordination of actions within the Department of Defense as well as in the interagency. From March to September, 2006, COL(P) Cline served as legal counsel for the United States delegation appointed to negotiate the terms of the realignment of U.S. forces from the Republic of Iceland.

In April, 2007, COL(P) Cline was appointed as the Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Law and Operations (Individual Mobilization Augmentee). COL(P) Cline attended the Judge Advocate Basic and Advanced Courses, the AMEDD and Military Intelligence Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, the 37th Military Judge Course and the U.S. Army War College. He was certified as a military judge in 1994.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal and the Excellence in Competition Medal, Bronze, Rifle. He is entitled to wear the Office of Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.

COL(P) Cline is married and has two children..